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Message from Governor Ehrlich

Dear Fellow Marylanders,

Since being inaugurated in January 2003, I have taken significant steps towards improving homeland security and protecting the citizens of Maryland. This new Statewide Interoperable Public Safety Communications Plan has been one of my main priorities.

We have taken other significant actions while planning for a safe future:

- On June 23, 2003 we established an Office of Homeland Security to create focus and accountability within state government.
- On November 3, 2003 The Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center opened its operation. This center collects, analyzes, and coordinates local, state and federal intelligence related to the war on terrorism. It now serves as a national model for other states.
- Our Emergency Management Agency opened a twenty-four hour watch center to coordinate local, state and federal response to all emergencies.

State government's most important mission is to provide for the protection of our citizens. We have made tremendous progress together and we will continue to make Maryland stronger and safer.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor